

**ORDINANCE NO. 2516**  
**TOWNSHIP OF ROSS**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING A PROVISION TO CHAPTER 27, PART 3, SECTION 309 REQUIRING MULTI-FAMILY, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITES TO PROVIDE SCREENED ENCLOSURES FOR TRASH CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, Ross Township is a First-Class Township in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. section 56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Ross Township (the "Code") at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, cleanliness, beauty, convenience, comfort and general welfare of Ross Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ross Township Code, Chapter 27, regulates zoning in Ross Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township deems it necessary to amend the Code to require and establish design standards for trash container/dumpster screening and enclosures in multi-family, commercial and industrial uses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT THE CODE BE AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:**

**SECTION 1:**

**§27.309.5      Trash Container and Dumpster Enclosures**

1. All multi-residential, commercial, and industrial sites must provide an area for the exterior storage of trash containers and dumpsters.
2. All exterior trash containers or dumpsters must be in a screened enclosure per the following:
  - A. Be located in the rear or side yards no closer than 10' from side and rear yard property lines within commercial and industrial districts and no closure than 50' if abutting a residential zoning district.

- B. Enclosures must be located and oriented to provide easy and safe access for collection vehicles.
- C. Enclosures must screen the containers on all 4 sides to the full height of the container.
- D. Gates must secure the enclosure with a self-latching gate to secure them in the open and closed position.
- E. The color and style of the enclosure and screening should be similar to the main structure.

**SECTION 2:**

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith, is hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**SECTION 3:**

The Township Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the amendments to the Ordinances as cited and referenced herein.

**SECTION 4:**


The amendments to the Ordinances shall take effect in accordance with the applicable law.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS TOWNSHIP THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF ROSS**

  
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**Ronald L. Borczyk**  
**Township Manager/Secretary**

**BY:**   
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**Daniel DeMarco**  
**President, Board of Commissioners**